

CORDIAL
ADVICE
TO THE
FREEMEN
OF
DUBLIN

In Regard to their CHOICE of
REPRESENTATIVES.

*The Friend thou hast, and his Adoption try'd,
Grapple him to thy Soul with Hooks of Steel.*

SHAKES.

By a FREE-CITIZEN.

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THE Citizens of *Dublin* are not now to be told what kind of Man is most proper to represent them in Parliament; their own Experience must have furnished them with sufficient Knowledge to determine in a Matter of such Importance: It is therefore only necessary for them to use the free, unprejudiced, Exercise of their own Reason, in examining the Merits of those Gentlemen who have offered themselves Candidates. Weigh well the Importance of that Trust which you are about to repose; examine with Candour, chuse with Deliberation, and adhere with Firmness to your Choice. You have, my Fellow Citizens, been often told that this City should have for its Representative, a resident, trading Citizen, of known Honour, approved Integrity, and sufficient Ability. Resident,

in order to have a thorough Knowledge of your interior Police. Trading, as in a maritime City the Legislature may ever expect to be best informed of such Laws as tend to the Increase of Commerce and Manufactures from those who have added Practice to Speculation. Honest, that every Information of the Constituents may be faithfully communicated to that Great Council of which he is to constitute a Part. Of Integrity, that neither the Solicitations of Interest, the Dread of Power, nor the flattering Allurements of Place, or Pension, shall be sufficient to shake his Fidelity. Ability to conceive clearly, and express in the most lively Manner, such Things as will tend most to the Emolument of his Fellow Citizens. These, Gentlemen, are some of the Out-lines to which your own Experience will add the colouring of that Character which should accompany the Man, who merits the important Delegation for which you are now solicited. Among the Candidates, perhaps, such a Man may be found; you have Variety to chuse from. And tho' Perfection is not the Lot of any Man, yet he who is freest from Blame and least likely to be susceptible of Corruption, ought to have the General Voice of the Freemen of *Dublin*.

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There was a Man, my Fellow Citizens, he is now among the Candidates, who suited well the Character delineated above: He was not a Trader, but he was a Lover of Commerce, of Liberty, of Mankind: He was once, I hope he will again be, your Fellow Citizen: He knew its Constitution, he knew the Constitution of the Kingdom, he rescued you from the Dominion of Slavery, he roused those Patriot Spirits who so Nobly defended, who so shamefully deserted, your Liberties: He it was, my Friends, that planned those glorious Designs by which, from an Aristocratical Tyranny, you are become free, equal, popular: He it was that sunk under the Weight of Power, was branded with the Epithets of seditious, turbulent, rebellious Citizen; was libelled, was presented, was banished. For what? For supporting the Rights and maintaining the Privileges of a Freeman. Does not your Humanity interest itself in Favour of the Man who was torn from his Family, his Friends, his Country, and all for no Crime under Heaven, unless it were a Crime to be your Friend. Is there a Spark of Gratitude remaining in your Souls? Can you hesitate a Moment to repay a seven Years suffering Exile? Sure you are not again benumbed into that listless, lethargic, Indifference, from which his animating Spirit

rit raised you? Can you, my Fellow Citizens,
 desert your Faithful Servant? Can you as-
 semble in Favour of any other in those Halls,
 where once his Eloquence, in the Language
 of Truth, shot Persuasion to your Hearts?
 Can you be safe, will not the very Ground
 whereon he trod desert your apostate Feet?
 Conscious of your Ingratitude, are you not
 reproached by your own Hearts? Does not
 the ingenuous Blush cover your guilty Cheeks
 with Shame and Confusion, to see yourselves
 solicited by the very Man whom your Ho-
 nours, your Gratuities, your Interests, should
 have engaged you to intreat, to beseech, to
 implore? Let him see then, my Fellow Ci-
 tizens, that his Advertisement has been only
 an Anticipation of your Intentions; demon-
 strate to him, and to the World, that you
 are attentive to your own and the Nations In-
 terest; that you have Discernment to chuse,
 Fortitude to persevere, and Gratitude to re-
 pay. The Kingdom will applaud your
 Choice, your own Hearts will applaud you,
 the noblest, the truest Testimony of having
 acted justly. You will have Calumniators
 of all Denominations to combat with, from
 the *Corke* Surgeon down to the hireling Scrib-
 lers of Party; the latter you will despise,
 and the Man who has reduced Corruption to
 a System, who was never true to any Interest
 but

but his own, can have but little Influence with the Freemen of *Dublin*.

Let not, my Friends, the shining Qualities, and noble Accomplishments of some Lawyers deceive you into an Opinion that they are proper Persons to represent you; the Experience of Ages have demonstrated how much it has been their Practice to favour every high Stretch of Power, every Exertion of Prerogative: It is not a Century since a notable Instance could be given. They have too many Temptations to carry them aside from your Interest to pursue their own: See the aluring Baits, Chancellors of Exchequer, Attornies and Solicitors General, King's and Commissioners Councils, &c. these are without the reach and inconsistent with the Views of an honest Citizen.

And however that some may endeavour to evidence their Utility from their Knowledge of, and Expertness at framing Laws, yet I am induced to think you will conclude, that an Acquaintance with the Constitution of this City, its Manufactures and its Trade, are far more requisite Qualifications to be considered in the Man who shall become the Object of your Choice. Besides, all Lawyers are not Orators; you have a convincing Proof
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of this in a late Candidate: Compare that Energy of Thought, that Animation of Language, that Spirit, that Perspicuity, which flow through the sensible Addressees of him that was and is your Friend, with the drawling, bald, chill, and unalarming Productions of some other of your Candidates: And if Matter can add Weight, if Form can captivate, you must instantly declare in Favour of your Friend; and indeed the more you contemplate his Abilities, his Honesty, his Sufferings, the more you will be inclined to reward them.

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